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25th Infantry Division Senior Leader Redeployment ceremony announcement

WHO: Senior Leadership and Key Personnel of the 25th Infantry Division

WHAT: 25th Infantry Division redeployment ceremony

WHERE: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Wheeler Gulch, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI

WHEN: December 18, 2011.

WHY: To welcome home the final U.S. Army Division Headquarters to leave Iraq

BACKGROUND:

With the end of 2011 fast approaching, the leadership of 25th Infantry Division, currently deployed in Iraq, will be able to make it home for the Holidays.

A ceremony to mark the redeployment of the final U.S. division in Iraq will be held Sunday, December 18, 2011. The 25th Infantry Division's departure from Iraq is in compliance to the 2008 U.S. agreement to withdraw all U.S. troops by the end of 2011.

Senior leaders and key personnel of the 25th Infantry Division will return to Hawaii following a one-year plus deployment to Iraq. The leadership of the 25ID has spent the last year serving as the command and control element for United States Division – Center.

Since early 2011, the 25ID Headquarters was responsible for leading the advise, train and assist mission throughout central Iraq. It is the last division headquarters under U.S. forces in Iraq, responsible for overseeing operational-level command and control needed to facilitate the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.

MEDIA NOTE: Media will have two opportunities for coverage. The first opportunity will be at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Dec 18 at 4:50 p.m. for b-roll and brief statements at the leader's arrival and next at Wheeler Gulch, Wheeler Army Airfield at 6:20 p.m. where media will have an opportunity for one-on-one interviews with Soldiers following a brief redeployment ceremony.

Media wanting to cover the arrival of C-17 aircraft at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam should RSVP to Lt. Col. Charles Anthony no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, so that they may be apprised of any changes to the schedule. Currently, media should plan on meeting the Hawaii Air National Guard Public Affairs representative at the Hickam main gate (O'Malley Gate) no later than 4:30 p.m., Sunday December 18. For questions related to the aircraft arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam please call Lt. Col. Anthony at 733-4258 or 388-5986 after normal business hours.

Media interested in attending this ceremony at Wheeler Gulch should RSVP Sgt. 1st Class Joe M. Battle at (808) 655-4756 or joe.battle@us.army.mil .Interested media will need to arrive at the Lyman Road Gate on Schofield Barracks one hour before the ceremony times.

Please check our Welcome Home Website at http://www.25idl.army.mil/welcome_home.html for the most updated arrival times as they are subject to change. We recommend checking 5 hours prior to arrival and every hour thereafter for the most updated time.